



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6007**

LCO No. 4066

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:  
(VA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "SERVICE IN TIME OF WAR".**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as  
5 otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army,  
6 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force; (2) "veteran" means  
7 any person honorably discharged from, or released under honorable  
8 conditions from active service in, the armed forces; (3) "service in time  
9 of war" means service of ninety or more days except, if the war,  
10 campaign or other operation lasted less than ninety days, "service in  
11 time of war" means service for the entire duration of the war,  
12 campaign or other operation, unless separated from service earlier  
13 because of a service-connected disability rated by the Veterans'  
14 Administration, during a "period of war", as defined in 38 USC 101, as  
15 amended, except that the "Vietnam Era" means the period beginning  
16 on February 28, 1961, and ending on July 1, 1975, in all cases; and

17 "period of war" shall include service while engaged in combat or a  
 18 combat support role the Berlin Airlift, June 26, 1948, to September 30,  
 19 1949; the Berlin Crisis, August 14, 1961, to May 30, 1963; in Lebanon,  
 20 July 1, 1958, to November 1, 1958, or September 29, 1982, to March 30,  
 21 1984; Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December 15, 1983; Operation  
 22 Earnest Will, involving the escort of Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the  
 23 United States flag in the Persian Gulf, February 1, 1987, to July 23,  
 24 1987; and Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990, and shall  
 25 include service during such periods with the armed forces of any  
 26 government associated with the United States.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	27-103(a)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To include the Berlin airlift and crisis as "service in time of war" to qualify for veterans' war service benefits.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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